

Rule Up For Final Action

Proposed Amendment of WAC 230-40-625

Closed circuit television system – Class F card rooms.

ITEM 10 (a) on the September 10, 2004, Commission Meeting Agenda.

Statutory Authority 9.46.070

Who proposed the rule change?

Staff.

Why is this rule change needed?

In 2002, digital surveillance was first introduced for use in card rooms. At that time, digital surveillance technology was fairly new and staff worked with the industry to construct rules for the new technology. After two years of working with, and becoming more familiar with, digital recording devices, several requirements in both WAC 230-40-625 and 230-40-825 need to be updated to current industry standards. These changes are the same in both rules and follow:

- -Subsection (3)(b)(ii): Continues to require the recording system to be locked.
- -Subsection (3)(b)(iii): Allows for the use of motion activated recordings;
- -Subsection (3)(b)(vi): Allows for different resolutions requirements for recording images and for playback.
- -Subsection (3)(b)(viii): Housekeeping.

Changes made after the July meeting:

Subsection (4): Reworded to clarify when multiplex and quad recording devices may be used in a card room and the definitions of multiplexing and quad recordings were added.

Change made after the August meeting:

- 1) Commission rules do not require poker licensees to have camera coverage of entrances or exits, or for the movement of drop boxes. Therefore, language regarding the use of multiplex or quad recordings for these areas/activities was removed.
- 2) Housekeeping: "Use of" was removed from the heading of subsection (4).

Statements against the proposed rule change.

None at this time.

Which licensees will be directly impacted?

Card rooms utilizing digital surveillance.

What are the potential impacts to the agency?

Minimal.

Staff recommendation.

Adoption.

Proposed effective date.

October 11, 2004, assuming the rule is adopted at the September 10, 2004, Commission meeting to become effective 31 days from filing.



Rule Up For Final Action

Proposed Amendment of WAC 230-40-825

Closed circuit television system -- House-banking.

ITEM 10 (b) on the September 10, 2004, Commission Meeting Agenda.

Statutory Authority 9.46.070

Who proposed the rule change?

Staff.

Why is this rule change needed?

In 2002, digital surveillance was first introduced for use in card rooms. At that time, digital surveillance technology was fairly new and staff worked with the industry to construct rules for the new technology. After two years of working with, and becoming more familiar with, digital recording devices, several requirements in this rule and WAC 230-40-625 need to be to be updated to current industry standards. These changes are the same in both rules and follow:

- -Subsection (3)(b)(ii): Continues to require the recording system to be locked.
- -Subsection (3)(b)(iii): Allows for the use of motion activated recordings;
- -Subsection (3)(b)(vi): Allows for different resolutions requirements for recording images and for playback.-Subsection (3)(b)(viii): Housekeeping.
- -Subsection (4): Clarifies that multiplexing devices are not allowed to record drop box movement.

Changes made after the July meeting:

Subsection (4): Reworded to clarify when multiplex and quad recording devices may be used in a card room and the definitions of multiplexing and quad recordings were added.

Change made after the August meeting:

- 1)Subsection (4): The word "required" was added to clarify that multiplex and quad recording devices cannot be used to record surveillance required by the Commission rules.
- 2) Subsection (4)(a): The Commission does not require external surveillance. This is a business decision to be made by the card room operator. Therefore, language regarding the use of multiplexing recording devices to record "external surveillance" was removed.
- 3) Housekeeping: "Use of" was removed from the heading of subsection (4).

Statements against the proposed rule change.

None at this time.

Which licensees will be directly impacted?

Card rooms utilizing digital surveillance.

What are the potential impacts to the agency?

Minimal.

Staff recommendation.

Adoption.

Proposed effective date.

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